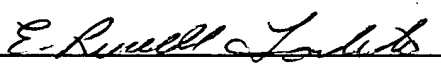
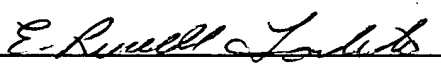
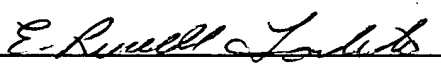




<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2005</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number 170134.401C1																																
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